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Level of suppression exceeds 80% for second consecutive year

São Judas District has shown 78% reduction only six months after initial release

Piracicaba, **Brazil**, **March** 30th, 2017 – Oxitec and Piracicaba City Hall announced today new results from the Friendly™ Aedes project in the CECAP/Eldorado district and the first results in the São Judas neighborhood in the city's central region.

In CECAP/Eldorado, Friendly™ Aedes has once again achieved high levels of 81% suppression of wild *Aedes aegypti* larvae in the treated area compared to the non-treated area. This is the second consecutive year the level of suppression has exceeded 80%. Importantly, the number of Friendly™ Aedes released in 2016 to maintain this high level of suppression was 59% below the year prior, illustrating the strength and durability of Oxitec's solution.

Additionally in the São Judas neighborhood, where Friendly™ Aedes were first deployed in mid-2016, the reduction of wild larvae reached 78% compared to the non-treated area within just six months.

"These unparalleled results once again show the ability of Oxitec's solution to control the wild populations of *Aedes aegypti*, the primary vector of dengue, yellow fever, Zika and chikungunya. We are excited by these results and continue to strive to make a

meaningful difference in the fight against this mosquito using an innovative technology," said Jorge Espanha, general manager of Oxitec in Brazil.

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